

REMARKS

The Reply to the Restriction Requirement is being filed within two months of the mailing date of the Restriction Requirement, with a fee of \$55.00 for a one-month extension of time.

The Preliminary Amendment is being filed prior to any consideration of applicant's claims on the merits. Claims 1-20, originally filed with the application, have been cancelled and new claims 21-40 have been added. It is urged that there is a clear basis for the newly added claims in the application as originally filed. Claims 21-40 are pending in the application following this Preliminary Amendment.

Early examination and favorable consideration of the pending claims is requested.

Charge Deposit Account

Please charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-3555.

Respectfully submitted,



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